Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland Champ Show Saturday 8th November 2008

A lovely entry, this being my first appointment giving tickets. Quality was better in the bitches where I was very disappointed not to have more red cards. There was a great variation in type making for some very difficult decisions, especially when so many of dogs looked very good stacked but fell to pieces on the move. There are still too many poor upper arms & horrible gay tails which ruin the lovely flowing lines of our beautiful breed. There were no bad mouths & temperament was excellent. I was delighted with my class winners.

VETERAN DOG (1) A.

PUPPY DOG (6,1a)

1 Sellin's Aurichalcum Lord Beckett of Castlepoint, mature looking upstanding 9 months o/w, head was a bit strong for me, but overall balance & body shape was good. Moved well. Hope he doesn't grow any more;

2 Tibb's Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn, very raw b/w baby of 6 months with pleasing head & good body proportions, correct bone & feet, excellent rear angulation, good straight mover for age. Liked 3 equally but 2 won his place with better handling;

3 Kirby's Haramander Shabby Chic.

JUNIOR DOG (4,2)

1 Hamilton's Hawkfield Lets Get Rowdy, b/w, loved his head & expression, excellent angulation giving lovely flowing lines, stylish on the move with good tail carriage;

2 Radcliffe's Sniperay Solsice Sultan, lovely masculine dog of stronger type. Preferred head of 1 but excels in shoulder & bend of stifle. Movement could have been better but carried his tail well.

NOVICE DOG (4)

1 Tibb's Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn;

2 Kirby's Haramander Shabby Chic, 7 months o/w of really lovely type, beautiful head & length of neck which flows into well laid shoulder, good couplings legs & feet with excellent quarters, moved well with correct tail carriage. Would have done better but handler spoilt his outline when he was stacked in the line-up. One to watch;

3 Priestly's Toberdoney Tweed.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7)

1 Naden's Wychwood Love Over Gold, o/w, won this class on movement, good honest sort with no exaggerations, best of heads with lovely dark eye, long clean neck with correct shoulder, spring of rib & depth of brisket, good bone & feet, excellent quarters & tail carriage, lovely mover;

2 Cherry's Shanandi Madrigal, smaller dog of excellent Pointer type. Loved everything about him with same attributes as 1. Only movement let him down for 1st place; 3 Klein-Woolthuis' Haxalgate Balach Dubh.

LIMIT DOG (16,3) A difficult class as many dogs who looked lovely stacked turned out to be dreadful movers.

1 Fowler's Scobec Cuttin A Dash, really liked this b/w, lovely balanced outline & compact body, well chiselled head, good eye & expression, clean neck, good shoulder, bone & feet, plenty of depth & spring of rib, muscular hindquarters & level tail carriage, drove round the ring with great style & vigour, tail lashing all the time. Pity he lost out in the challenge;

2 Boyd & Hinton's Fleurfield Flame for Glowmist, very smart b/w, excels in his beautifully proportioned head, good layback of shoulder, well sprung ribs & nice short couplings, strong rearend & good tail carriage. Just lost out to 1 on movement;

3 Walking's Kiswahili Catcher In The Rye.

OPEN DOG (6,2a)

1 Martin's Jilony Believe In Sunhouse, a stallion type dog of the old fashioned type with lots to like about him, good head & length of foreface, long reachy neck, very good shoulders & return of upper arm, plenty of depth with good bone & feet, powerful quarters & well let down hocks, took over this big ring, driving round with lashing tail, presented in excellent condition. CC; 2 Wilberg & Blackburn-Bennett's Kiswahili Martin at Kanix, very stylish dog with lots of presence, very pleasing head & eye, muscular neck flowing into excellent shoulders, compact body with strong quarters & excellent stifle, carried tail well on the move, liked him a lot. RCC; 3 Walking's Penwest Phineas at Kiswahili.

VETERAN BITCH (1)

1 Hinton's Sh Ch Hookwood Pretty Woman by Fleurfield, this outstanding o/w bitch was on top form today. Full of splendid Pointer type but not overdone in any way, best of heads with softest expression, in profile flows from nose to tail & is so well balanced, powered round the ring with true Pointer movement & style like a youngster, in excellent condition, she showed her heart out. CC & BOB.

PUPPY BITCH (11,3)

1 Smith's Raigmore Dawn Chorus, very pretty b/w baby of 6 months, gorgeous head & body shape, good bone & excellent feet, very raw but when settled moved with great style. One I shall watch with interest. BP;

2 Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination with Fleurfield, b/w older puppy of different type. Still needs to mature but had all the essentials. Shown in very fit condition. Would like to see her when better covered & more mature;

3 Anderson-Rowell's Wynhead Mette Marit.

JUNIOR BITCH (9,3)

1 Tibb's Raigmore Let It Shine, loved this gorgeous o/w, very feminine head with melting expression, reachy neck, good lay of shoulder & upper arm, correct feet & sloping pasterns, strong behind & nice straight mover, best I have seen from this kennel. Pushed hard in the challenge but just lost out on maturity. Very promising;

2 Dyer's Sharnphilly Just Be Serious, b/w of stronger type. Just preferred the more feminine head of 1. Well bodied with good depth & angulation, moved very well using tail & obviously enjoying herself;

3 Fairbairn's Mercali Cantata of Misperros.

NOVICE BITCH (7,2)

1 Tibb's Raigmore Let It Shine;

2 Barrs-Gordon's Panoply Golden Pearl, o/w with pleasing head & good neck. Just didn't have the lines of 1 but still a quality bitch. Very sound & a good mover; 3 Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (16,4) Some lovely bitches in this class spoilt by tails & movement. 1 Tait's Penwest Panya with Moordale, lemon/w, pleasing head, excels in neck & shoulder, good bone, sloping pasterns & feet, lovely depth & spring of rib, well angulated quarters, moved well;

2 Naden's Wychwood Midsomer Dream, lovely quality bitch with gorgeous feminine head & expression, hard to separate 1 & 2 as they both had similar excellent attributes, good stylish mover;

3 Klein-Woolthuis' Haxalgate Theine.

LIMIT BITCH (14,1)

A very good class but not enough red cards.

1 Dyer's Sharnphilly Complimentary, very smart b/w with excellent body shape & angulation, combines femininity & elegance with substance. Just preferred head & leathers of CC winner. A wonderfully stylish mover with correct tail carriage & drive. RCC;

2 Huxley's Woodfleet Siennarain, liver/w of tremendous elegance, lovely clean cut lines & overall balance, very feminine throughout & pressed hard for 1st place but would prefer a little more depth of brisket. Good mover;

3 Cooper's Fleurfield's First Star over Keepersfield.

OPEN BITCH (13,4) Again a difficult class to sort out & they could all change places at any time.

1 Barker's Flinthill Wild Thyme, b/w with so much classic Pointer type which won her the class. Well chiselled head with lovely eye, excellent body, spring of rib & depth, muscular quarters allowed her to move with drive & ground covering style;

2 Westaway's Sh Ch Penwest Paza, o/w of different type with most beautiful feminine head, excellent bone & sloping pasterns, balanced angulation giving flowing bodylines, a lovely tidy, neat bitch who moved extremely well;

3 Westron's Ch/Ir Ch Aurichalcum The Avenger.

ANNE LENNOX - Judge